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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tomoo Kimura et al.

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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure

: Customer Number: 20277

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: Customer Number: 2527

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: Group Art Unit: 2825

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: Examiner: Annette M. THOMPSON

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For: CIRCUIT OPERATION VERIFYING METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 19, 2006 (Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows: